GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN A N ISLANDS
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to develop tourism in Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has received any proposal from private organization for setting up of a hotel in the Island; and

(d) if so, the action the Government has taken to clear the proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a) and (b): Development and promotion of places of tourist spots/interest is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/UT Administrations themselves. However, the Central Department of Tourism provides funds for development of different tourist places on the basis of field visits/consultation with the States/UT Administrations concerned. During the 8th and 9th Plans 15 projects were sanctioned for central financial assistance of Rs.450.02 lakhs.

(c) and (d): Construction of hotels is primarily a private sector initiative and the Government of India provides incentives and benefits to the private sector for establishing 1 to 3 star and Heritage Hotels.